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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: RONI and the DIN

1. Thank you for your memorandum of 4 January 1975 concerning our forthcoming Review of National Intelligence (RONI) and the relationship of that publication to the DIN. Your comments have moved us to further thought, the results of which we offer you below.

2. You make the point that the DIN is not national intelligence because it is not coordinated intelligence. Specifically, for purposes of product review, we consider intelligence to be national in character if it meets three criteria: (1) it is important to US interests abroad and to national-level US policy makers; (2) it is disseminated, inter alia, to a national-level audience; and (3) it is produced by a member of the intelligence community. We do not include coordination as a necessary element in this definition.

3. In any event, the DIN, even as a departmental publication, fully qualifies in our view as a publication of national significance. It does not deal exclusively, or even in the main, with departmental concerns; it receives wide dissemination among national-level consumers; and it is produced by a component of the community.

4. I should note, in addition, independently of any controversy over the precise nature of the DIN, that the interests of ICS in general and PRD in particular are not confined to matters solely national in scope. We are, both by directive and by definition, concerned with the affairs of the entire community and, even were

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the DIN to address only items of departmental interest, PRD would wish to continue its review of the DIN. (Among other things, statistics concerning current intelligence coverage, the relationship of that coverage to the KIQs, etc., would be grossly distorted if the DIN were excluded.)

5. It is clear, I hope, that we do not intend to single out the DIN for special treatment in the RONI, and that our purposes in reviewing and commenting on the various publications of the community are wholly constructive. It was your hope, when you served as Director of this office, that PRD's activities would in various ways help the community to improve its diverse products. This of course is still our primary objective.


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